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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT
TOPIC <u>1. Military Shipments in Erfurt and Frankfurt/Oder</u>	
<u>2. Military Activities in Berlin-Karlshorst, Schoenwalde and Brandenburg</u>	
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1. Military shipments observed at the Erfurt railroad station between 6 and 11 March 1955 included:

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6 March. At 2100, a shipment of 12 guns, presumably 152-mm gun howitzers, 4 x 76-mm AT guns, 12 prime movers, approximately 35 trucks and, on 12 boxcars, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, which passed through Erfurt en route toward Gotha.

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7 March. At 0300, a shipment of 8 guns, presumably 152-mm gun howitzers, 2 x 76-mm AT guns, 8 prime movers, approximately 25 trucks and, on 8 boxcars, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, which came from the direction of Sangerhausen and proceeded toward Gotha.

11 March. At 1430, a shipment of 11 x 122-mm field guns, 2 x 76-mm AT guns, 11 YA-12 prime movers, approximately 30 trucks and, on 8 boxcars, soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets. 1

2. At 1600 on 13 March, a shipment of 14 JS-2 tanks from Horn Kaserne (4445) and approximately 12 trucks with billeting equipment, as well as some 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were entrained at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. At 2030 and 2230, a total of 3 x 57-mm AT guns, approximately 13 trucks, 1 radio truck, 3 field kitchens and some 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen en route to the railroad station. It is assumed that the units were to move to Lieberose. 2

3. At 1750 on 10 March, 3 x 76-mm AT guns, 5 armored personnel carriers, 1 BA-64 armored scout car and approximately 7 trucks with 140 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the Karlshorst restricted area (4161) from the direction of Koepenick.

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4. At 0800 on 9 March, 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 12 x 85-mm AA guns, 4 radio trucks, 4 field kitchens and approximately 50 trucks with 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the Flugplatz Kaserne (2381) in Schoenwalde and went toward Falkensee. Between 1000 and noon on 12 March, the units returned to the installation.

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5. Between 1100 and 1700 on 5 March, the units which had left on 4 March returned in three groups from the direction of Hohenstuecken to the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne (2001) in Brandenburg. After the return of the units, the installation was occupied by 1,600 to 1,700 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. The 203-mm howitzers, the 122-mm field howitzers and the new prime movers were still stationed in the installation on 10 March. Several trucks were recently seen entering and leaving the installation.

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1. Comment. the movement involved units of the artillery brigades of the Eighth Gds Army.
2. Comment. It is quite definitely believed that these shipments continued the transfer of units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div from Frankfurt, apparently to Lieberose.
3. Comment. Units of the 24th Gds Mecz Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div probably returned from Lieberose. A tank firing detail of this unit went there on 6 March.
4. Comment. There is reason to believe that light and medium units of the 31st AAA Div participated in the exercises of the 1st Mecz Div in the area west of the Doeberitz training grounds between 9 and 12 March.

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